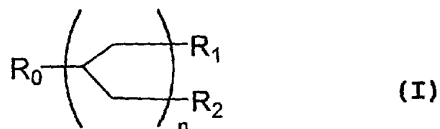
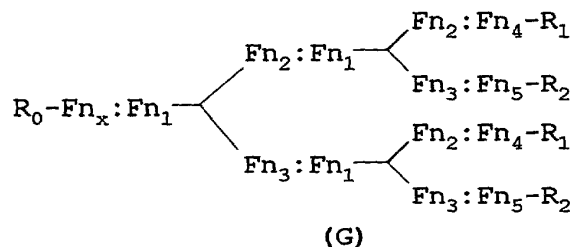


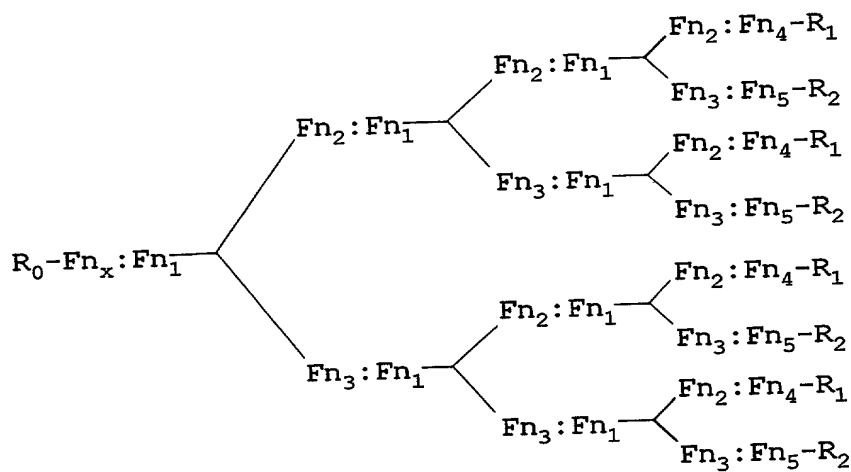
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An amphiphilic compound having a dendritic branch structure having general formula (I):

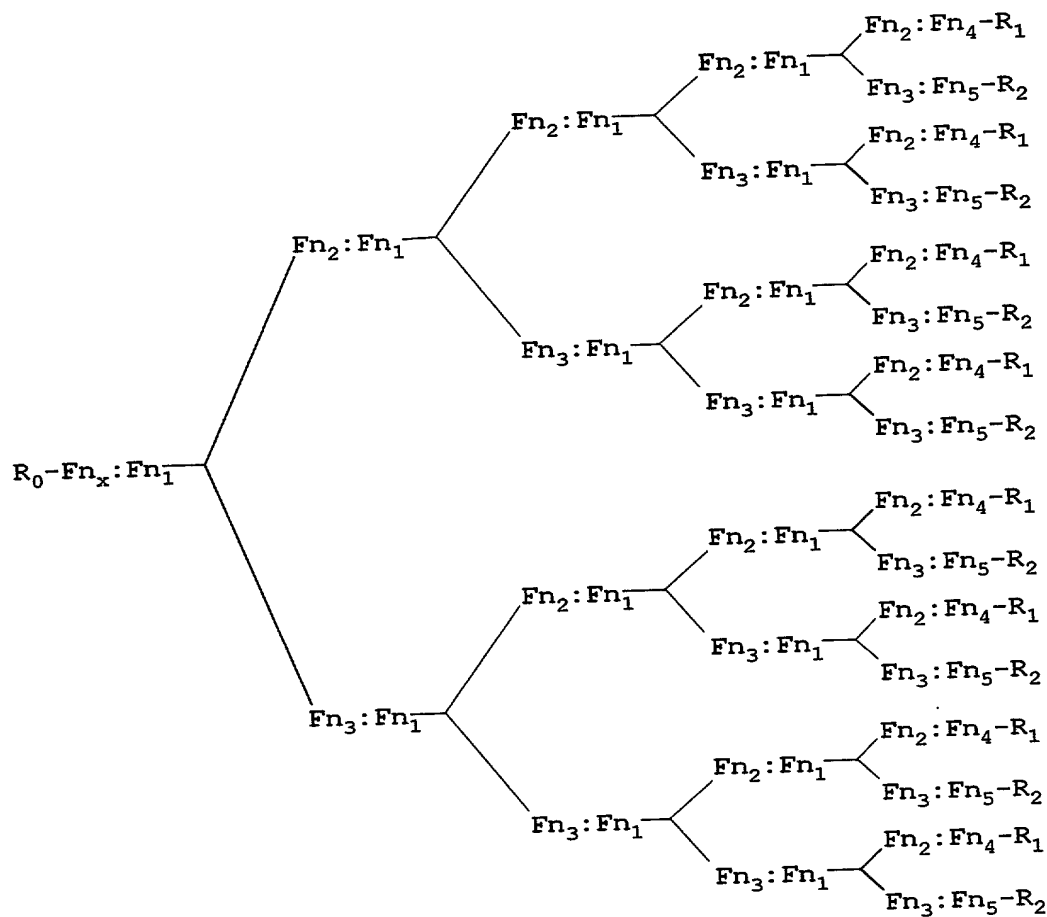


which is selected from the group consisting of an amphiphilic compound having a dendritic branch structure represented by the following formula (G), an amphiphilic compound having a dendritic branch structure represented by the following formula (H), and an amphiphilic compound having a dendritic branch structure represented by the following formula (J):





(H)



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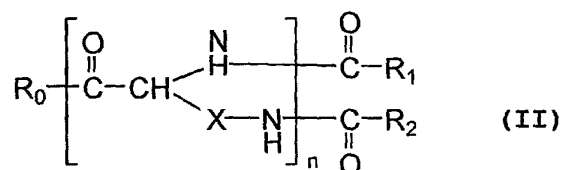
where  $F_{n_x}$ ,  $F_{n_1}$ ,  $F_{n_2}$ ,  $F_{n_3}$ ,  $F_{n_4}$  and  $F_{n_5}$  respectively represents a functional reactive group, each of which is bonded to a neighboring functional reactive group;  $R_0$  is a hydrophilic group;  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are independently a hydrophobic group; and  $n$  is an integer of 2 to 4.

2. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 1, wherein said functional reactive group is bonded through amide bond or ester bond.

3. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 1, wherein said  $R_0$  is poly- or oligo-oxyethylene derivative, poly- or oligo-saccharide derivative, or poly- or oligo-peptide.

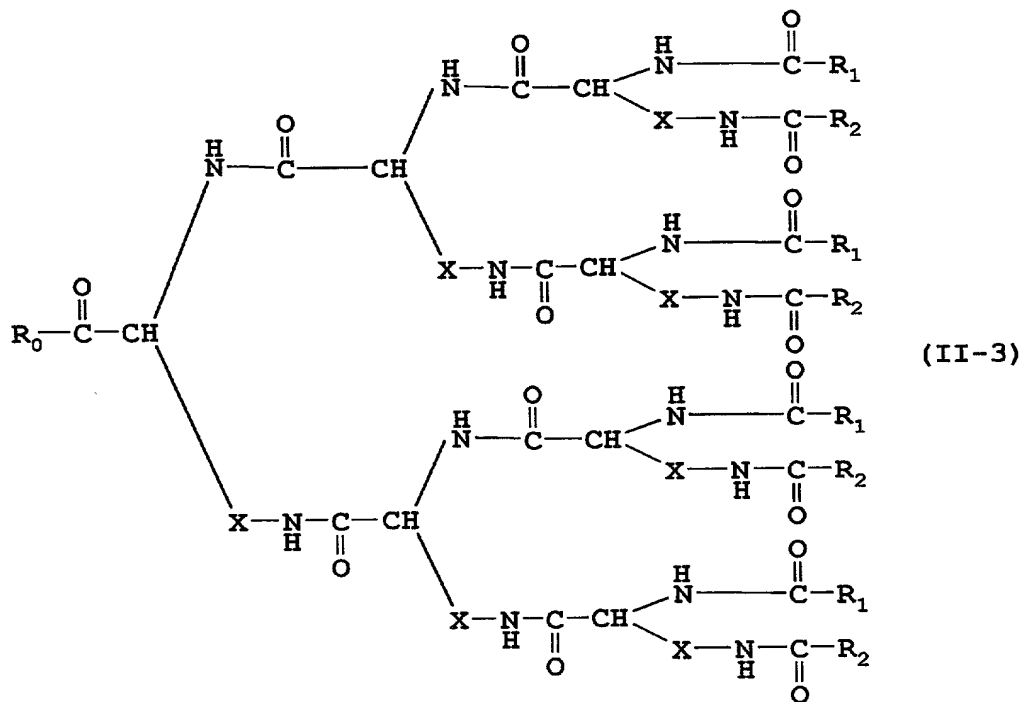
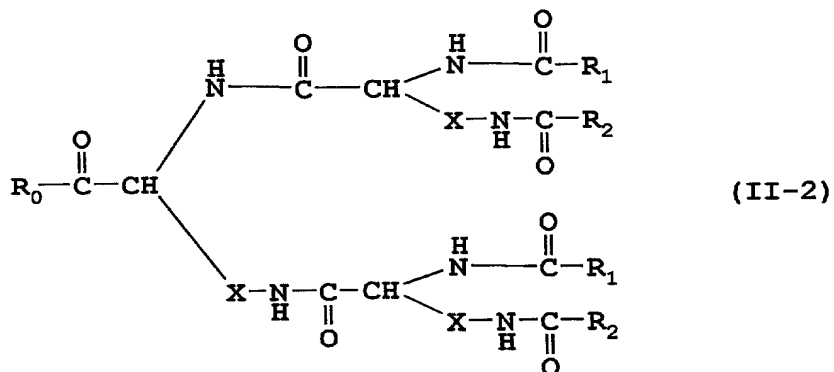
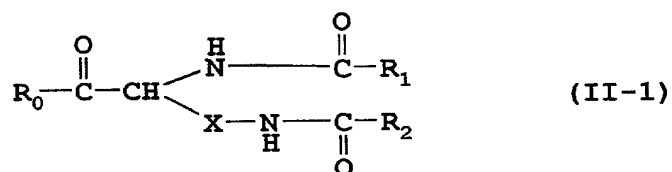
4. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 2, wherein said  $R_0$  is poly- or oligo-oxyethylene derivative, poly- or oligo-saccharide derivative, or poly- or oligo-peptide.

5. An amphiphilic compound having a dendritic branch structure having general formula (II):

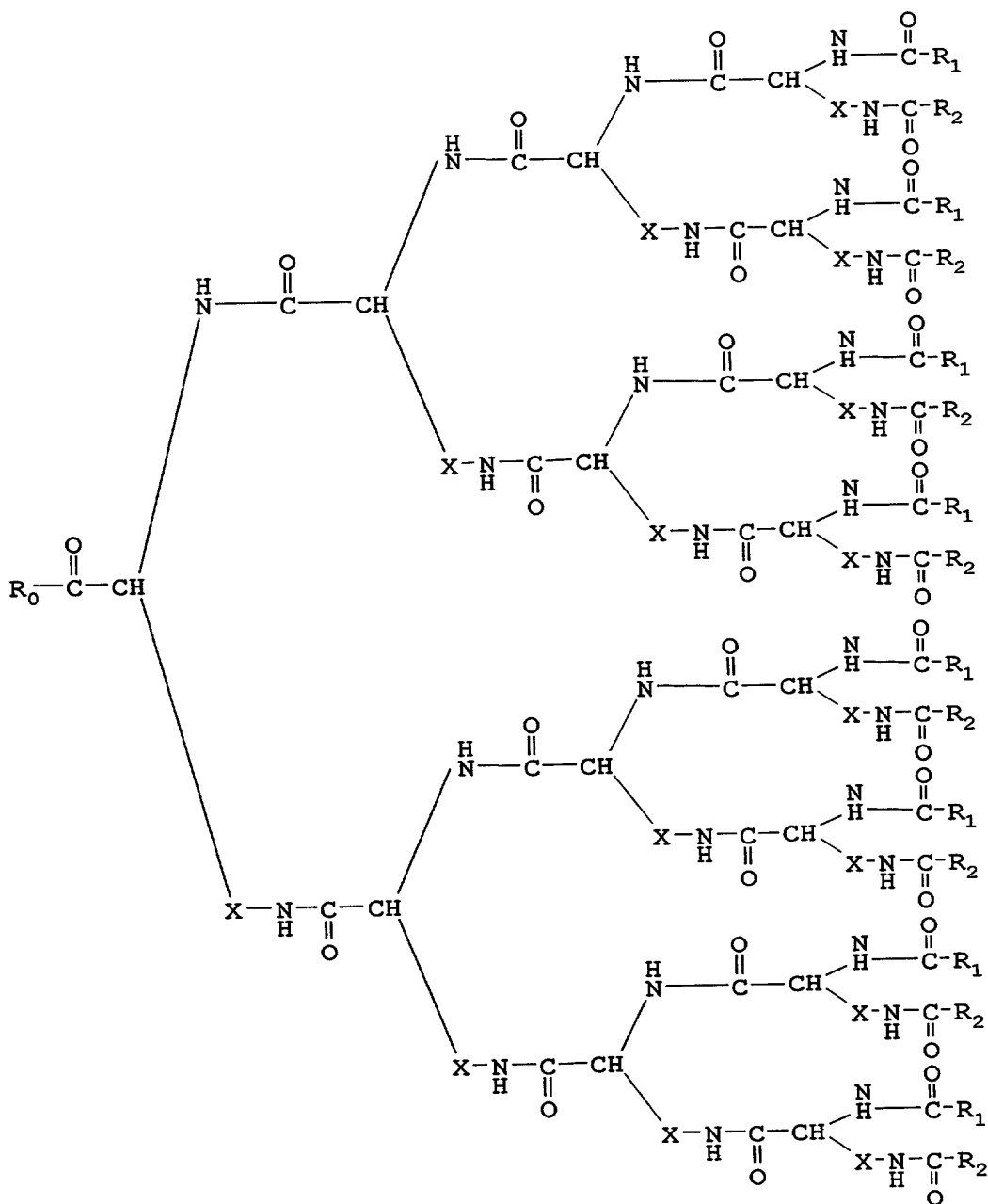


which is selected from the group consisting of an amphiphilic compound having a dendritic branch structure represented by the following formula (II-1), an amphiphilic compound having a dendritic branch structure represented by the following formula (II-2), an amphiphilic compound having a dendritic branch

structure represented by the following formula (II-3),  
and an amphiphilic compound having a dendritic branch  
structure represented by the following formula (II-4):



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(II-4)

where  $R_0$  is a hydrophilic group;  $X$  is  $-(CH_2)_4-$  or  $-(CH_2)_p-CO-$  (wherein  $p$  is 1 or 2);  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are independently a hydrophobic group; and  $n$  is an integer of 1 to 4.

6. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 5, wherein said compound is represented by said formula (II-2), said formula (II-3) or said formula (II-4).

7. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 5, wherein each of said  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is independently an alkyl group.

8. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 7, wherein said alkyl group contains 1 to 30 carbon atoms.

9. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 6, wherein each of said  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is independently an alkyl group.

10. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 9, wherein said alkyl group contains 1 to 30 carbon atoms.

11. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 5, wherein said  $R_0$  is poly- or oligo-oxyethylene derivative, poly- or oligo-saccharide derivative, or poly- or oligo-peptide.

12. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 6, wherein said  $R_0$  is poly- or oligo-oxyethylene derivative, poly- or oligo-saccharide derivative, or poly- or oligo-peptide.

13. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 5, wherein said  $R_0$  is represented by a formula:

$R-(OCH_2CH_2)_mCH_2NH-$  or  $R-(OCH_2CH_2)_mOCH_2C(O)NHCH_2CH_2NH-$

where  $R$  is  $H-$ ,  $CH_3-$ ,  $CH_3C(O)-$ ,  $HOOCCH_2-$ ,  $H_2NCH_2CH_2NHC(O)CH_2-$ , or poly- or oligo-peptides; and  $m$  is an integer of 1 to 3000.

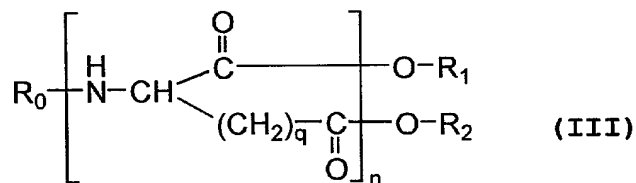
14. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 6, wherein said  $R_0$  is represented by a formula:

$R-(OCH_2CH_2)_mCH_2NH-$  or  $R-(OCH_2CH_2)_mOCH_2C(O)NHCH_2CH_2NH-$

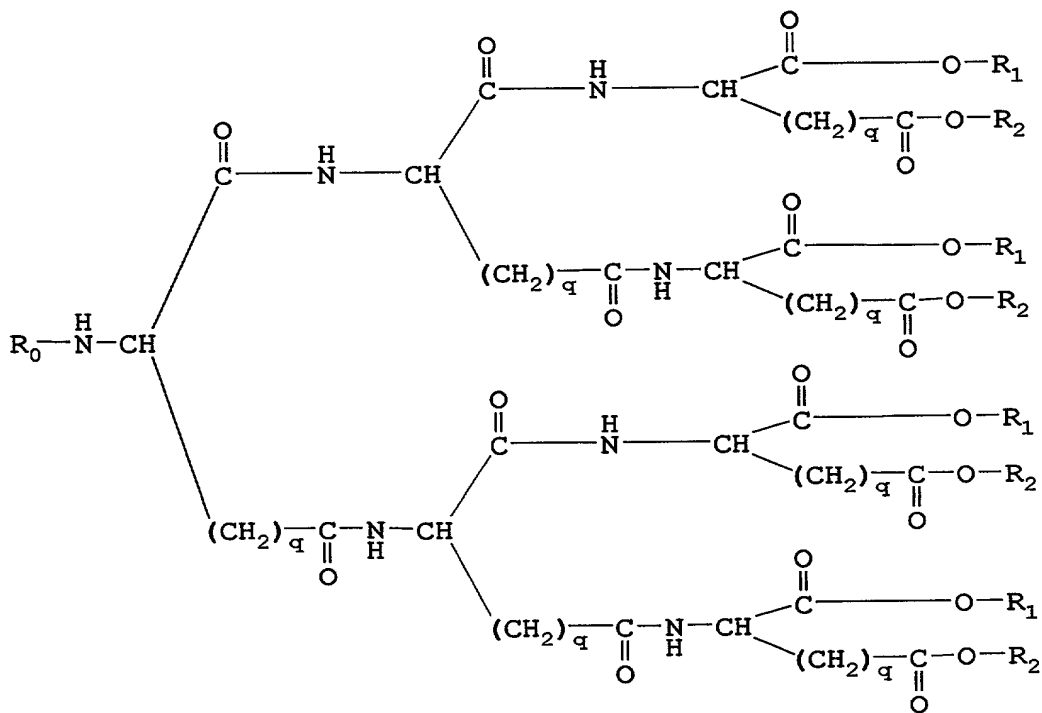
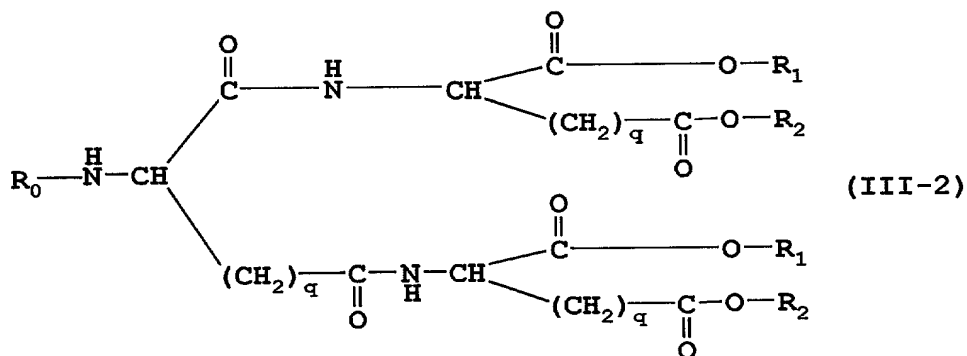
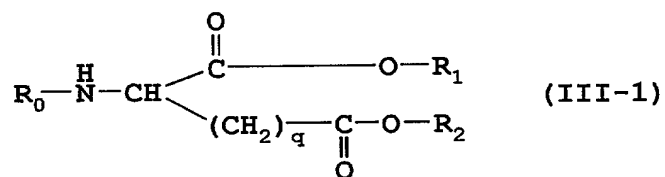
where  $R$  is  $H-$ ,  $CH_3-$ ,  $CH_3C(O)-$ ,  $HOOCCH_2-$ ,

$H_2NCH_2CH_2NHC(O)CH_2-$  or poly- or oligo-peptides; and  $m$  is an integer of 1 to 3000.

15. An amphiphilic compound having a dendritic branch structure having following general formula (III):



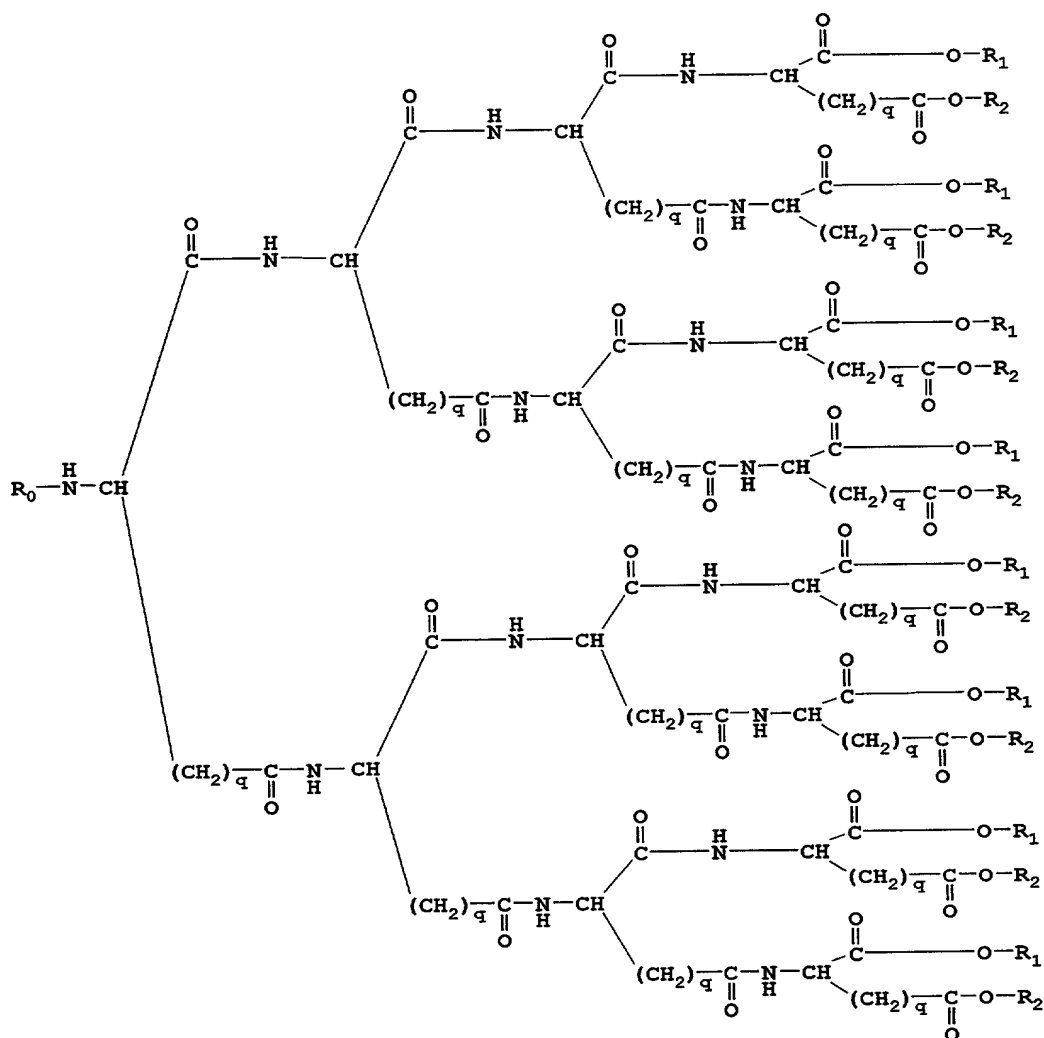
which is selected from the group consisting of an amphiphilic compound having a dendritic branch structure represented by the following formula (III-1), an amphiphilic compound having a dendritic branch structure represented by the following formula (III-2), an amphiphilic compound having a dendritic branch structure represented by the following formula (III-3), and an amphiphilic compound having a dendritic branch structure represented by the following formula (III-4):



(III-3)

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(III-4)

where  $R_0$  is a hydrophilic group;  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are independently a hydrophobic group;  $n$  is an integer of 1 to 4 and  $q$  is 1 or 2.

5            16. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 15, wherein said compound is represented by said formula (III-2), said formula (III-3) or said formula (III-4).

10           17. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 15, wherein each of said  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is independently an alkyl group.

18. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 17, wherein said alkyl group contains 1 to 30 carbon atoms.

19. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 16, wherein each of said  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is independently an alkyl group.

20. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 19, wherein said alkyl group contains 1 to 30 carbon atoms.

21. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 15, wherein said  $R_0$  is poly- or oligo-oxyethylene derivative, poly- or oligo-saccharide derivative, or poly- or oligo-peptide.

22. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 16, wherein said  $R_0$  is poly- or oligo-oxyethylene derivative, poly- or oligo-saccharide derivative, or poly- or oligo-peptide.

23. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 15, wherein said  $R_0$  is represented by a formula:  
 $R-(OCH_2CH_2)_mCH_2NH-$  or  $R-(OCH_2CH_2)_mOCH_2C(O)NHCH_2CH_2NH-$   
(wherein  $R$  is  $H-$ ,  $CH_3-$ ,  $CH_3C(O)-$ ,  $HOOCCH_2-$ ,  $H_2NCH_2CH_2NHC(O)CH_2-$  or poly- or oligo-peptides; and  $m$  is an integer of 1 to 3000.

24. The amphiphilic compound according to claim 16, wherein said  $R_0$  is represented by a formula:  
 $R-(OCH_2CH_2)_mCH_2NH-$  or  $R-(OCH_2CH_2)_mOCH_2C(O)NHCH_2CH_2NH-$   
wherein  $R$  is  $H-$ ,  $CH_3-$ ,  $CH_3C(O)-$ ,  $HOOCCH_2-$ ,

$\text{H}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NHC(O)CH}_2\text{-}$  or poly- or oligo-peptides; and m is an integer of 1 to 3000.